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Senate Bill _____
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House No. HJR0102
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A RESOLUTION to honor Mr. I.V. Hillis for his dedicated service to the Tennessee General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the elected members of this general assembly to honor those venerable political leaders whose exemplary works have redounded to the benefit of the public good; and

WHEREAS, former Representative, I.V. Hillis, Jr. is one such person, a man of integrity who discharged the duties of his office with intelligence, sound judgment and unquestionable wisdom for 24 remarkable years; and

WHEREAS, I.V. Hillis was an influential public servant who tirelessly contributed his time and notable talents for the advancement of the citizens of the 43rd District and across Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, he provided effective and determined leadership in scores of major legislative initiatives for the benefit of the people of Tennessee, most notably in: improving public education, promoting the equality of educational opportunity from metropolitan to the most rural areas, and assuring adequate, dependable funding of the Tennessee Education Improvement Act of 1992, a model for school reform across the nation; developing and

sponsoring measures to reduce or eliminate pollutants in the state's rivers, lakes and streams, and protecting the quality of the state's water, land and air; advancing the interests and safeguarding the rights of America's war veterans, and promoting the construction and operation of state-owned nursing homes for veterans as well as cemeteries for veterans and their spouses; vigorously promoting local business, industry and job creation by supporting construction of modern four-lane highways serving Warren County, including the replacement of U.S. Highway 70S with a safe, efficient thoroughfare; and ensuring the future viability and competitive standing of the nursery industry by supporting the creation of the Tennessee State University Nursery Experiment Station;

WHEREAS, he served admirably as chairman of the House Conservation and Environment Committee during the Ninety-First, Ninety-Second, Ninety-Third, Ninety-Fourth, Ninety-Fifth, Ninety-Sixth, Ninety-Seventh, and Ninety-Eighth General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, throughout his legislative career, Representative Hillis has been attentive to and supportive of the needs of the communities he represented, and has contributed superlatively to this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby express and convey to I.V. Hillis, Jr., a sincere and emphatic debt of gratitude for his astute service as a member of the Tennessee General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to Representative Hillis our sincere regards for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Than an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared and sent to Representative Hillis with this final resolving clause deleted from such copy.

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